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Our Case No. 659/1483 (K-C 14,747)

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tsai	)	
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Application No. 09/474,634	)	
	)	Examiner Pratt
Filing Date: December 29, 1999	)	
	)	Group Art Unit No. 1771
For BIODEGRADABLE	)	
THERMOPLASTIC NONWOVEN	)	
WEBS FOR FLUID MANAGEMENT	)	

### NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Dear Sir:

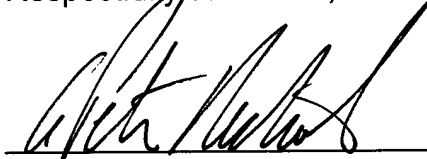
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated April 9, 2003 of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-15, 17-22 and 24-29.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).

2. ☒ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
3. ☒ Fee **\$330.00**
- ☒ Enclosed
- ☐ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)
- ☐ Charge to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (One additional copy of this Notice enclosed herewith)
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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